

'63 Should Be Good Year for State, Executives Say

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MAY BLAST BEACH OVERHANG

A Penny for your Thoughts

What do you seek as the major goals of your office in the coming year? Leaders of the city and the school district were asked that question this week as a lead-off question for 1963.

Mayor Albert Isen:

"In 1963, the wonderful teamwork which has been evident in the city through most of the past year will prove itself in a number of accomplishments for the city. Our No. 1 goal for 1963 is to secure the four-year state college site and to see construction of the new super courts building started. We would like, too, to see me consolidated feeling in a great city which Torrance is destined to become."

Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent:

"We have a school financing problem facing us in 1963 and we must live within the budget so the override tax carry us through this year. The final year of the tax will begin next July 1. All of us are necessary to provide a proper curriculum to serve children and parents of the community, which is our concern."

Albert Charles, school board president:

"Our first major task will be to gain approval of the school bond issue at the April election. Without the bond funds, our hands will be tied on construction, and must keep construction step with the growing student population. Also I think we will see further efforts to parmentalize instruction, mainly in the seventh grade level, and perhaps some in sixth grade. We need to make every effort to recruit teachers in their field of specialization, and to seek ways to more instruction for the money we spend."

Wade Peebles, City Manager:

"We need to get on with more improvements for the expanding city of Torrance. We need to improve our parks, developing the center, improving streets, developing a master plan for the city, and to complete the needed economic study of the city's land resources. These are all important, and in respect dovetail to such extent that no single one could be pointed to as a priority."

Growth Rate Assures New Sales Peaks

California should experience a continuation of the long-term trend of growth and expansion which has been evidenced since the close of World War II during the year just started, according to the California State Chamber of Commerce.

In a statement prepared by the group's department of economic development and research, the California Chamber predicted new retail and wholesale sales records during 1963, and new production records in manufacturing.

The Chamber report predicted a labor force peak of 7,045,000 during the year, a personal income total of \$53.3 billion, and retail sales at \$25.6 billion.

PAYROLLS should reach \$35.9 billion, and the population should reach 17,688,000 by the middle of the year, the report stated.

On other fronts, the outlook for 1963 was not so optimistic.

Arthur B. Homer, chairman and chief executive officer of Bethlehem Steel Corp., said in a year-end statement that he could see no change "in fundamental conditions which would lead to a substantial upturn of orders for steel in the immediate future."

HOMER POINTED out, however, that the steel industry was accustomed to taking the long view, and that Bethlehem's management had confidence in the firm's long-range future. He referred to the company's recent decision to construct a steel plant in northern Indiana near Chicago as a reflection of that optimism.

The Bethlehem executive predicted that new factors would increase steel demands at "some point in the future." He explained that increasing pressure to replace obsolete industrial equipment and other

steels uses would increase demands for steel.

Development of new products will receive continued emphasis during the new year, Homer said.

J. D. McCall, president of Columbia-Geneva Steel Division of U. S. Steel, said the general market outlook is better than it was a few months ago, and this should be reflected in a slightly improved demand for products made of steel.

A reduction of prices during the past year which substantially eliminated the differential between the west coast and other steel-producing areas of the country should have strong impact on the local market in years ahead, McCall said.

He predicted that the construction industry — heavy users of steel — would continue at record pace in the new year, and that high levels of public and private spending for construction could be expected with the continued growth of the west.

Improvements at the Pittsburgh, Calif., works of Columbia-Geneva will add to the company's production capacity for tin plate for the western canning industry, McCall said. He said the new Columbia-Geneva tin plate is being stressed as a major breakthrough in the packaging industry.

NEW FACILITIES are being installed to improve quality and meet changing customer requirements at the Torrance plant of Columbia-Geneva, McCall reported. He said a wider



ONSLAUGHT FAILS . . . Efforts of Torrance firemen to dislodge a huge section of a cliff overhanging Torrance Beach failed Monday night as jets of water under high pressure did not dislodge the slipping mountain. A check of the area was made yesterday to see if blasting was indicated to end the hazard. (Herald Photo)

End to Peril Sought by City Leaders

Attempts to break loose a huge chunk of earth hanging precariously 200 feet above Torrance Beach ended in failure Monday night after firemen had forced thousands of gallons of water into a huge crevice in the futile effort to get the impending slide moving.

It may take dynamite to hurry the slide along, it was indicated yesterday afternoon.

City Manager Wade Peebles and Building Superintendent Lee Schlens met with officials of the Don-Ja-Ran development company yesterday. The land is private property developed by Don-Ja-Ran, it was explained.

THE NEW YEAR'S Eve efforts to precipitate the slide came after Peebles declared the area a public hazard about 4:30 p.m. Monday. The sliding cliff had dropped several inches during the day and city officials were anxious to reduce the hazards presented on the beach below the cliff.

Earlier in the day, police discovered that some daring beach visitors had used warning signs erected by the city to build a bonfire at the edge of the slide area. A minor slide later covered the bonfire site with several feet of earth.

POLICE HAVE set up a 24-hour guard around the slide area to keep curious spectators out of the danger zone. No structures are threatened by the sliding bank, officials declare. There is no comparison with the Portuguese Bend slide area, they insist.

Firemen Monday tied together with safety harness, manned high pressure hoses and forced thousands of gallons of water into the widening crevice but failed to loosen the bank enough to start the slide.

The cliff is behind recently occupied homes on the 600 block of Pasea de la Playa.

Dr. Knutson New Hospital Staff Chief

Installation of Dr. Edward W. Knutson as chief of staff of Torrance Memorial Hospital has been scheduled at the annual banquet to be held at the Palos Verdes Country Club Jan. 12.

Dr. Knutson is a general practitioner and has practiced medicine in Torrance since 1951. He has served the hospital staff as secretary-treasurer during the past year, and is vice president of the Crenshaw-Sepulveda Corp., which recently erected the Crenshaw-Sepulveda Medical Center here.

HE IS a graduate of Wisconsin Medical School, and has been active on several committees of the Southwest Branch of the Los Angeles County Medical Assn., during his practice here.

Other medical staff officers elected at the December meeting of the group include Dr. Jesse H. Frank, assistant chief of staff; Dr. James K. Lees, secretary-treasurer; and Dr. Richard A. Sullivant, assistant secretary-treasurer. Drs. William A. Davies, Jack R. Brocken, and Joseph Nebolon were named to the executive committee.

OUTGOING OFFICERS include Dr. Carlo A. Tabellario, (Continued on Page 2)

Lad Hurt When Dirt Caves In

A 10-year-old boy suffered minor injuries Monday afternoon when some dirt fell on him while he was digging a cave.

Daven Dick of 19425 Beckworth was taken to South Bay Hospital. Dick and three other youths were digging in a 30-foot bank in a field east of Entradero and south of 190th Street.

The boy was in the cave digging when part of a dirt overhang gave way, falling on him. Dick reportedly stood up, staggered around and turned pale.

Playing with him were Patrick Branch, 10, of 19425 Anza; Allen Smith, 14, and Timothy Smith, 12, both of 19409 Anza. (Continued on Page 2)

Civic Symphony 'Twelfth Night' Program Tuesday

This year the Civic Symphony is celebrating the "Twelfth Night of Christmas" with a festive "Masque" which co-ordinates great masterpieces of painting.

The "Hymn to Joy" from Brahms' great first symphony will be followed by Tarrant's glowing picture of "Angels at the Manger" posed by the "Crusaders" of St. Lawrence Church.

"Greensleeves" will be followed by Correggio's "Virgin Adoring the Christ Child" prepared by the Catholic Daughters of the King. Mozart's "Allegro Vivace" from the Jupiter Symphony will introduce the Girl Scouts in the picture "All Things Wise and Wonderful," and Leroy Anderson's "Festival of Carols" precedes the "Caroleers" posed by Boy Scouts.

THERE WILL be 12 civic organizations, including the symphony and many individuals all combining to bring the gift of this program to our communities. Each group will produce one of the living pictures, the symphony providing the music. Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Morales of Lomita are in charge of the staging and there are pages (from St. Cross Church), actors and a narrator.

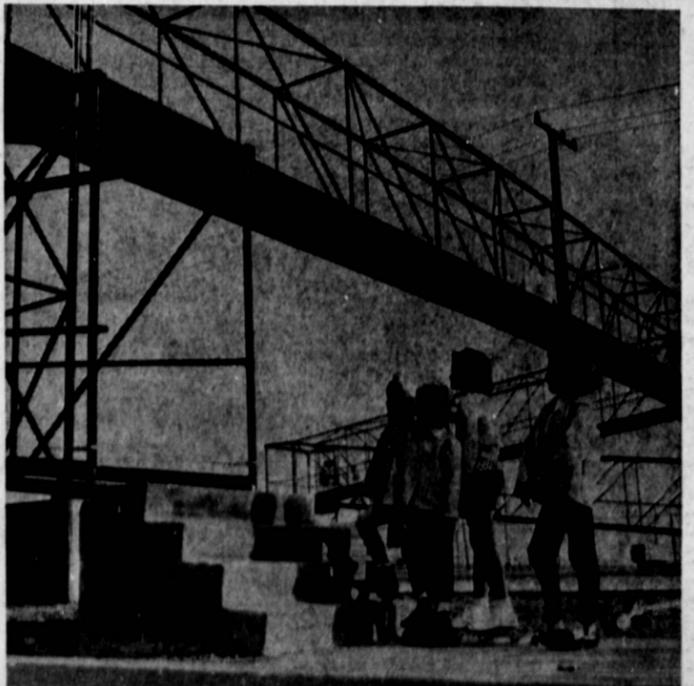
The Dianas are providing the theme picture, the "Holy Family" by Marrata, music by Mascagni. The "Rocking Horse" (Rockwell) posed by Harry Kraemer of Palos Verdes Es-

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LIBRARY BOOKS . . . School Board Vice President Bert Lynn, right, gives a \$200 check for purchase of books for the new Isabel Henderson Library to Mrs. John Galvin, who will help make the selection of books to be purchased, and city Librarian Harold Umbarger, who is showing the type of book the money will buy. Lynn donated the money in memory of his father. Mrs. Lois Boruan, Henderson librarian, will also aid in the selection of books. (Herald Photo)



OVERPASS IN USE . . . Neighborhood children check out new overpass across Crenshaw Boulevard near 187th Street which was used by children returning to classes at Crenshaw Elementary School yesterday morning. The overcrossing was erected as a joint project with city, school, and county funds, and was designed to reduce the hazards of crossing the busy highway which separates the school and a majority of the students. (Herald Photo)